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**STATE OF MAINE**  
128<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

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## LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND ENACTED LAWS

This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* contain summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Special, Second Regular and Second Special Sessions of the 128<sup>th</sup> Maine Legislature.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee and within each committee by Legislative Document (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each LD title. All adopted amendments are summarized and listed by paper number. A subject index is included with each committee. An appendix provides a summary of relevant session statistics.

Final action on each LD is noted to the right of the LD title. The following describes the various final actions.

*CARRIED OVER*..... carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature  
*CON RES XXX*..... chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses  
*CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE*..... Committee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died  
*DIED BETWEEN HOUSES*..... House & Senate disagreed; legislation died  
*DIED IN CONCURRENCE*..... defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died  
*DIED ON ADJOURNMENT*..... action incomplete when session ended; legislation died  
*EMERGENCY*..... enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment  
*FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE*..... emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote  
*FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE*..... failed to receive final majority vote  
*FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT*..... legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote  
*HELD BY GOVERNOR*..... Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session  
*LEAVE TO WITHDRAW*..... sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted  
*NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY*..... ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died  
*INDEF PP*..... indefinitely postponed; legislation died  
*ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X*... ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died  
*P&S XXX*..... chapter # of enacted private & special law  
*PUBLIC XXX*..... chapter # of enacted public law  
*RESOLVE XXX*..... chapter # of finally passed resolve  
*VETO SUSTAINED*..... Legislature failed to override Governor's veto

The effective dates for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special, Second Regular or Second Special Sessions of the 128<sup>th</sup> Legislature are: Monday, February 5, 2018; Wednesday, August 1, 2018; and Thursday, December 13, 2018, respectively. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

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It also makes the Motor Carrier Review Board an appellate board for decisions of the Secretary of State relative to motor carrier safety suspensions and clarifies that the Secretary of State may suspend a motor carrier with an adverse safety history pursuant to the methodology the Secretary of State adopts based on the recommendations of the board.

It removes the requirement that specialty plates authorized after January 1, 2007 be retired after 10 years regardless of the number of active plates.

The bill also corrects an inadvertent omission made during the technical processing of Public Law 2017, chapter 27.

### **Committee Amendment "A" (H-580)**

This amendment makes a technical change to the bill by striking the weight limit provision for each specialty plate and instead specifying the weight limit in the specialty plate section in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 468, subsection 8. The amendment also strikes the effective date provision in the bill.

### **Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 327 increases the maximum registered weight of a vehicle eligible for specialty plates from 10,000 pounds to 26,000 pounds.

Public Law 2017, chapter 327 also makes the Motor Carrier Review Board an appellate board for decisions of the Secretary of State relative to motor carrier safety suspensions and clarifies that the Secretary of State may suspend a motor carrier with an adverse safety history pursuant to the methodology the Secretary of State adopts based on the recommendations of the board.

Public Law 2017, chapter 327 removes the requirement that specialty plates authorized after January 1, 2007 be retired after 10 years regardless of the number of active plates.

**LD 1724**

### **Resolve, To Establish the Commission on Autonomous Vehicles and To Allow the Testing, Demonstration and Deployment of Automated Driving Systems**

**RESOLVE 46**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SANBORN H	OTP-AM	H-649

This bill authorizes municipalities to enter into memoranda of agreement with the Secretary of State, the Department of Transportation and the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance to develop, test and operate pilot programs for the use of autonomous vehicles for public transportation until March 31, 2022. It requires any municipality that develops, tests or operates a pilot program to submit a report regarding the pilot program to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters by December 1, 2021, and it authorizes the joint standing committee to report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

### **Committee Amendment "A" (H-649)**

This amendment, which replaces the bill with a resolve, establishes the Commission on Autonomous Vehicles to coordinate efforts among state agencies and knowledgeable stakeholders to inform the development of a process to allow an autonomous vehicle tester to demonstrate and deploy for testing purposes an automated driving system on a public way.

The amendment also requires that the Commissioner of Transportation, in consultation with the Commission on Autonomous Vehicles, establish a process to evaluate and authorize an autonomous vehicle tester to demonstrate

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and deploy for testing purposes an automated driving system on a public way.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2017, chapter 46 establishes the Commission on Autonomous Vehicles to coordinate efforts among state agencies and knowledgeable stakeholders to inform the development of a process to allow an autonomous vehicle tester to demonstrate and deploy for testing purposes an automated driving system on a public way.

Resolve 2017, chapter 46 also requires that the Commissioner of Transportation, in consultation with the Commission on Autonomous Vehicles, establish a process to evaluate and authorize an autonomous vehicle tester to demonstrate and deploy for testing purposes an automated driving system on a public way.

**LD 1727      *Resolve, To Designate a Bridge in Surry the Old Surry Schoolhouse Bridge*      RESOLVE 31**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LANGLEY B	OTP	

This resolve designates Bridge 5977 in the Town of Surry the Old Surry Schoolhouse Bridge.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2017, chapter 31 designates Bridge 5977 in the Town of Surry the Old Surry Schoolhouse Bridge.

**LD 1750      *An Act To Allow the Operation of Autocycles on Roads in Maine*      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MIRAMANT D GILLWAY J	ONTP	

This bill allows a person licensed for the operation of a motor vehicle to legally operate an autocycle on roads in this State.

**LD 1752      *An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Pilotage Requirements for Passenger Ferry Service between Maine and Nova Scotia*      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DION M	ONTP	

This bill amends the pilotage requirements for vessels providing regularly scheduled passenger ferry service between Maine and Nova Scotia.

**LD 1754      *Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Prioritize and Increase the Funding for Rural Roads*      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T STANLEY S	ONTP	